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(BULGANIN MESSAGE TO EDEN)

(VIA TELEPHONE)

(TEXT) Esteemed Mr. Prime Minister, the Soviet Government considers it necessary to draw your attention to the fact that the launching of an aggressive war against Egypt (unintelligible passage -- ed.) is fraught with very (grave consequences for the cause of common peace. The extraordinary special session of the General Assembly adopted a decision on an immediate end to military operations and the withdrawal of foreign troops from the territory of Egypt. Disregarding this, Britain, France and Israel are increasing military operations, continuing the barbarous bombing of Egyptian towns and villages, and have landed forces on Egyptian territory, turning its inhabited localities into ruins. (Several words unintelligible -- edm).

But the government of Britain together with the governments of France and Israel has (embarked) on an unprovoked aggression against Egypt.

The motives put forward by Britain to justify the attack against Egypt are quite groundless. At first the British government announced that it was interfering) in the dispute between Israel and Egypt in order to prevent the turning of the Suez Canal into zone of military operation. But after (several words unintelligible--ed. The zone of the Suez Canal did become the zone of military operation. Access to the Canal was

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interrupted. (unintelligible passage--edm) The interests of Britain and France in the freedom of navigation does not hold water. (unintelligible sentence gible passage --ed.) However, that does not give you the right to carry out military operations against the Egyptian people. At the same time, the governments of Britain and France cannot assume the role of judges in the question the means for assuring freedom of navigation along the Suez Canal insofar as many other states are interested in this and condemn the aggressive action of Britain and France and demand the maintenance of peace in the Near and Middle East. Besides it is well known that shipping through the Suez Canal was merely a pretext for Anglo-French aggression which has different and far-reaching aims. It is impossible to conceal that in actual fact aggressive brigand war is at present being launched against the Arab people, aiming at the liquidation of the national independence of these states in the near and Middle East and the restoration of a regime of colonial slavery which has been rejected by the peoples. There is nothing that can justify the fact that the armed forces of Britain and France two great powers and permanent members of the United Nations, have attacked the country which has only recently attained its national independence and which does not have sufficient means for its defense.

In what position would Britain have found herself had she been attacked by more powerful states possessing all types of modern weapons of destruction? Indeed, such countries, instead of sending to the shores of Britain their naval or air forces could have used other means, as for instance rocket equipment.

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If rocket weapons had been used against Britain and France you would have certainly called it a barbaric action. Yet, what is the difference between the inhuman attack perpetrated by the armed forces of Britain and France against almost-unarmed Egypt.

Deeply perturbed by the development of events in the Near and Middle East and guided by the interests of preserving universal peace, we hold that the British government must heed the voice of common sense and stop the war in Egypt. We call upon you, the parliament, the Labor Party, the trade unions, and upon the people of Britain, to stop the armed aggression, stop the bloodshed.

The war in Egypt could extend to other countries and develop into a third world war. The Soviet government has already approached the United Nations and the U.S. President with a proposal to use, together with other members of the United Nations, Naval and air forces in order to stop the war in Egypt and to curb aggression. We are full of determination to crush the aggressor and reestablish peace in the east by using force.

We hope that at this critical moment you will show due prudence and draw corresponding conclusions from this.

With sincere respects, Bulgarin.

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